

SHUSTER SENDS REPLY TO CABINET

Accepts Dismissal in Compliance With Russia's Ultimatum.

CHIEF CONCERN FOR ASSISTANTS

No Decision Has Been Reached as to His Fourteen American Aides—Meetings Held in Various Mosques to Protest Against Action of Government.

Teheran, December 26.—W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer-General of Persia, who has been dismissed from office by the Cabinet in compliance with the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum, to-day sent his reply to the Cabinet, in which he stated his willingness to hand over his accounts when his successor is named. He added that his chief solicitude now was for the welfare of his fourteen American assistants, concerning whom nothing has yet been decided.

Meetings were held to-day in the various mosques to protest against the action of the government. The Minister of the Interior has issued an order that new elections should be held as soon as possible.

The latest dispatches from Tabriz report a temporary lull in the fighting. A telegram from Shiraz, province of Fars, where a boycott has been instituted against the Indian troops, reports an attack on the Indians near Kazeroun, in which two Sowars were killed. The situation there is regarded as serious.

Not Formally Canceled.

Washington, December 26.—American Treasurer-General Shuster's contract with the Persian government to manage the finances of Persia has not been formally canceled so far as the State Department can learn. A cablegram from the Persian Minister at Washington, however, reports that the contract has been terminated. The State Department is not yet in a position to say whether the contract has been formally canceled or not.

The meagreness of the news that is coming to the outer world from the Persian capital has led to the suspicion that a mere censorship in being exercised over the news.

The Russian troops continued to kill Persians in Tabriz, according to dispatches received in Washington to-day.

St. Petersburg, December 26.—A telegram from Tabriz says that the total of the Persians killed and severely wounded, and the Russian soldiers killed in that city is about 100.

FORESEES GREAT SAVING

Hitchcock Proposes to Extend Second-Class Mail Freight Service.

DENIES MARRIAGE STORY

Captain Hains Says There Has Been No Reconciliation With His Former Wife.

Washington, December 26.—Captain Hains, Jr., to-day flatly denied reports circulated to the effect that he had remarried his former wife, Claudia Lobbey Hains, on whose account he killed William E. Annis three years ago.

When seen by a reporter at the office of his father, General Peter C. Hains, where he is working, Captain Hains said that there had been no reconciliation with his former wife.

LOCKOUT ALMOST CERTAIN

Both Sides Stand Firm in Lancashire Cotton Struggle.

Manchester, England, December 26.—Nothing has happened to warrant the hope that the lockout of 160,000 cotton workers in Lancashire can be averted.

TAFI IS MERCIFUL

Four Federal Prisoners Made Happy by His Christmas Clemency.

Washington, December 26.—President Taft has dispensed Christmas clemency to four Federal prisoners through commutation of sentence.

RESUME DYNAMITE PROBE

Important Witnesses Gathering at Los Angeles for Inquiry.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 26.—The Federal investigation into the alleged nation-wide dynamiting conspiracy, which was interrupted by the Christmas holidays, was resumed to-day.

BLANK CHECKS STOLEN

Negro Is Arrested While Attempting to Pass One of Them Forged.

PACKERS FORCED TO ABANDON PLAN

Could Not Secure Funds to Finance \$500,000,000 Merger.

FULL DETAILS GIVEN TO COURT

When New York Capitalists Decline to Furnish Needed Money, National Packing Company, Now Under Government Fire, Is Formed.

Chicago, December 26.—Details of the plan for a \$500,000,000 merger of the Armour, Swift and Morris interests in 1912, by which the government contends it was sought to control the meat industry of the country, were revealed to-day in the trial of the ten Chicago packers before United States District Judge George A. Carpenter.

Plan Is Abandoned.

Attorney Veeder testified that the plans for the merger were abandoned, and that in March, 1903, the National Packing Company was organized to operate certain important packing companies purchased with a view to including the terms of an agreement.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE UPHELD

Taft Rules That It May Be Practiced in Canal Zone.

Washington, December 26.—President Taft to-day settled the vexed question of allowing the practice of Christian Science or other non-medical methods of healing the sick in the Panama Canal Zone.

LIVING AS ONE DEAD

Man Struck by Trolley Perfectly Well, but Is Unconscious.

South Norwalk, Conn., December 26.—To live for years as one dead is the peculiar fate which seemingly awaits George Cohen, of New York, who is a patient in a local hospital.

ADOPTS GIRL INTO TRIBE

Stanley Committee Witness Has Power of Indian Chiefs.

Duluth, Minn., December 26.—Leonidas Merritt, of Duluth, who gave testimony before the Stanley committee in Washington, is a Chippewa Indian by adoption, and as the chiefs of the Chippewa band of the Chippewa are now all dead, this distinction gives Mr. Merritt the right of adoption.

SAW FACES AT NIGHT

Tormented by Visions, Murderer Gives Himself Up.

Baltimore, Md., December 26.—Haunted by visions of his victim, John Henry Martin surrendered to the police here to-day, declaring that he was the murderer of William H. McKie, an old stockkeeper in Seventh Street, Washington, on November 17, Martin, who appears to be a nervous wreck, said that he entered the store, struck the man over the head with a wrench, took the contents of the cashdrawer and fled.

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COUNT'S PLEA REJECTED

Vatican Refuses to Annul Castellan's Marriage With Anna Gould.

Rome, December 26.—The Vatican has declined to grant Count Boni de Castellane an annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould, who is now the Duchess of Talleyrand and Sagan.

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WOMAN'S POLITICAL PLUM

Miss Hadrich, of Marquette, to Serve as Governor's Secretary.

Lansing, Mich., December 26.—For the first time in the history of the State of Michigan, Mrs. Marie Osborn changes her mind, and is elected as private secretary to the Chief Executive.

FROST IN ORANGE GROVE

Temperature in California Lowest in Many Years.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 26.—In many of the orange districts of Southern California, last night's weather was the coldest registered in many years.

TRIBESMEN REPULSED

They Leave Many Dead on Field After Battle With Spaniards.

Madrid, December 26.—Further fighting is reported in official dispatches which reached here to-day from Mexico. Engagements between the Spaniards and the Spanish troops.

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SECRET TRIAL FOR RICHESON

Speedy Action of Legislature Would Make It Possible.

Boston, Mass., December 26.—With the coming trial of Rev. Clarence W. T. Richeson, charged with the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, less than two weeks away, public interest in the case was created considerably by to-day's developments.

One of these developments was the appearance of Rev. George E. Horr, president of the Newton Theological Institution, of all persons connected with the case, the pulpit, at the office of District Attorney Pollitt.

Although no statement was given out at the conclusion of their conference, it is believed the district attorney questioned Dr. Horr as to his knowledge regarding the engagement of Richeson to Miss Linnell.

An attempt to have a private trial of the accused minister was made to-day by the filing by a local attorney of a petition for the incoming Legislature to enact a statute which would cause the exclusion from the court room of all persons not connected with any case which involved the decency and morals of the community.

As the Legislature convenes on the third of next month, rapid action in adopting the proposed bill would make it effective in the Richeson case.

Three hundred summonses were issued to-day upon voters to serve on the special jury panel.

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The first testimony was concerning a serious illness in Memphis, which, it is said, affected young Patterson's mind, when he was a boy. The illness, it was testified, had resulted in later years in attacks of epilepsy.

Former Governor Patterson testified that during his son's school days he failed to attain more than a mediocre record. He resorted to low companionship, refusing to associate with persons of his family's social standing, which frequently led him into many unseemly escapades, one resulting in his being slashed across the face with a knife.

The father further said that one day he received a telegram saying his son was in the city of Denver hospital. He went to Denver and found the boy in perfect health. Finally he sent Malcolm to the coast in the hope his health and mind might be improved. He protested that he believed his son was not sane.

Captain Haver, of the Memphis police, testified that young Patterson had been in frequent brawls, and that at one time he was held ten days in the city jail. He did not believe the prisoner sane.

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The burden of his argument was that the principles of government enunciated by Thomas Jefferson are sound and basic; that no forcible or representative government has ever come to light, and that such modern formulas of lawmaking are the initiative and referendum are dangerous and unnecessary. It is within the power of the people in a republic, he thought, to accomplish anything they may please at the polls, and that they had as well try to breathe the breath of life into a dead body as to provide a remedy for the initiative and referendum.

As to the referendum, he told of the salmon fisheries on the Columbia River, in Oregon, where nets were used in one section and water wheels in another. By the use of legislation by the people, instead of by representatives, the followers of each method made the use of the other's devices, with the result that the salmon industry on the river was practically killed.

Has Avoided False Gods.

Mr. Underwood's position received endorsement from at least one source—Richard Evelyn Byrd, Speaker of the House of Delegates, who was first present by Toastmaster Eppa Hunton, Jr. Mr. Byrd complimented the Alabama Congressman's clear voice in opposition to the false gods of the initiative and referendum. He also commended the vote of the guest of honor against the pension law, which was upon the country at large.

Mr. Byrd also referred to the emigration of brains from the South to the North, and spoke of Mr. Underwood as an example of opportunities that exist in the South.

An especially warm reception was given the speech of Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., of the First Baptist Church. He made many clever allusions, such as: "A Republican is a fool under restraint; a Democrat is a fool under no restraint."

Mr. McDaniel said that Mr. Underwood had reconstructed the Democratic party in the House of Representatives, and he praised his sagacity and the qualities of leadership which he had developed. He spoke of the need of conservatism in dealing with the big problems of the day.

Senator Claude A. Swanson, recalled the fact that when he was in Congress the Birmingham district sent a new man every two years, while in later days it has kept Mr. Underwood in Congress—a fact equally complimentary to the man and to the district. The problem of the day, said the junior senator, was the advances of predatory wealth on the one hand and of Socialism on the other, the Democratic party standing between them.

Mr. Underwood was the last speaker. The progressiveness in the Republican party of to-day, said the Alabama man, is leading toward democracy and not beyond it. He described the Progressive Republican as one heading toward democracy.

Mr. Underwood read a letter from President Edwin R. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, regretting his inability to be present, and speaking of Mr. Underwood as a worthy son of the university.

The following were among the guests: Oscar W. Underwood, Senator Claude A. Swanson, Mayor D. C. Richardson, Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson, Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., Dr. George Ben Johnston, Eppa Hunton, Jr., George W. Stevens, M. C. Branch, John K. Branch, Speaker Richard Evelyn Byrd, Judge James A. Keith, Judge H. Carter Scott, Representative John Lamb, Ebert G. Leigh, Jr., John Stewart Bryan, A. N. Patterson, Edw. J. Willis, Joseph F. Willard, C. D. Langhorne, L. M. Hamilton, H. W. Roundtree, L. Z. Morris, Oliver C. ...